

11. **Education & Research in Computer Networking, Kanpur (Proj HQ New Delhi)**

12. **Strengthening PG Education in Foods & Nutrition & Child Development, Pantnagar (Proj HQ New Delhi)**

13. **Training of Personnel in Petroleum Technologies, Dehradun**

14. **Wildlife Institute of India, Ph-II, Dehradun**

15. **Civil Aviation Training Centre, Allahabad**

16. **Establishment of computerised Numerical control (NC/CNC) training Facilities at Advanced Training Institutes at Bombay & Kanpur**

17. **Development of Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Akademi, Fursatganj (Bareilly)**

18. **Assistance to Non-wood Based Pulp & Paper Industry, Saharanpur**

19. **PPDC for Essential Oils, Kannauj**

20. **Developing Capabilities for Hydrological Studies, Roorkey**

21. **Upgrading Research on & Training Capacity of the Lal Bhadur Shastri National Academy Administration, Mussorie**

22. **Programme for the Improvement of the Glass Industry, Firozabad**

Joint Ventures/Projects with African countries

1851 SHRI VILASRAO NAGANTHRAO GUNDEWAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up some joint ventures/projects in collaboration with African countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which these projects are likely to commence; and

(d) the steps taken so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) There are no proposals to set up any Joint Venture in the Government sector. However, there are 29 existing Joint Ventures and 8 Joint Ventures at various stages of implementation.

(b) to (d). do not arise.

Trade relations with Foreign Countries

1852 SHRI VILASRAO NAGANTHRAO GUNDEWAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the countries with whom the Government propose to establish trade relations afresh;

(b) the countries with whom the Government propose to increase its trade; and

(c) the steps taken so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) It is our endeavour to increase bilateral trade with all countries.

Establishment and expansion of trade relations is an ongoing process.

(c) (i) exchange of business and trade delegations.

(ii) participation in trade fairs and exhibitions.

(iii) holding contact promotion programmes among the business communities of India and those countries.

(iv) holding bilateral trade talks at ministerial/official levels and

(v) identification of thrust commodities and their promotion for exports.

Development of National Highways in Bihar

1853. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the proposals sent by the Government of Bihar to the Union government for development of national Highways during 1991-92;

(b) the number of proposals accorded approval; and

(c) the allocation made for the said proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGADISH TYLER): (a) and (b). 37 numbers of proposals for development/improvement of national Highways in Bihar have been received during 1991-92 from the Government of Bihar. Out of these, 20 numbers of proposals amounting to Rs. 1279.731 lakhs were approved. Out of the remaining 17 proposals, 7 numbers were returned to state Government for modifica-

tion of estimates and 10 proposals are under scrutiny.

(c) For 1991-92, an allocation of Rs. 12 crores has been given to Bihar for various ongoing national Highway works including projects approved during the year.

Allowances to Central Government Employees in Hill districts of Uttar Pradesh

1854. SHRI BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANBURI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central government employees posted in Hilly districts of Uttar Pradesh are being given Special Compensatory (remote Locality) Allowance and House Rent allowance;

(b) If not, the places in these district where the employees are being given the said allowances;

(c) whether the Government have received any representation from the Central Government employees posted in those places of the above districts where these allowances are not being given;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE) (a) and (b). Special Compensatory (Remote Locality) allowance and House rent Allowance at unclassified city rates are admissible to the Central Government employees posted in the Districts of Uttarkashi, Chamoli and Pithoragarh with the exception that in Pithoragarh town House Rent Allowance is admissible at 'C' class city rates.